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: USE OF YNES, ESSENTIAL BACTERIAL GENES AND POLYPEPTIDES

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

## In the specification:

Replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 5 to 7, immediately after "Cross Reference to

Related Application," with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No.

09/163,445, filed on September 30, 1998, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional

Application Serial No. 60/070,116, filed on December 31, 1997, both of which are incorporated

herein by reference in their entirety.--

Replace the paragraphs at page 11, lines 2 to 9, immediately after "Brief Description of the Drawings), with the following rewritten paragraphs:

-- Fig. 1 is a listing of the amino acid and nucleic acid sequences of a yneS polypeptide and gene from a Streptococcus pneumoniae strain (SEQ ID NOs:1 and 2, respectively). The complement of the nucleic acid sequence is set forth as SEQ ID NO: 11.

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